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North Valley Little League, Phase 2 Acquisition and Development

\$1,230,000 is requested to purchase a 5-acre parcel from the State of New Mexico, and plan, design construct and equip two ball fields, a parking lot, field lighting, concession stand, batting cages and support facilities/utilities for the North Valley Little League (NVLL) in Bernalillo County. The future site of the NVLL is located on the west side of Edith Blvd., approximately 0.25 miles north of Candelaria in the North Valley.

In 2010, Bernalillo County commissioned a preliminary design/feasibility study to identify the opportunities, constraints and costs associated with locating the NVLL at the 10.3-acre Edith Blvd. Storm Drain Facility and an adjacent 5-acre parcel owned by the State. Since that time, Bernalillo County has secured \$2.0 million in general funds and \$1.0 million 2010 and 2012 general obligation bonds for Phase 1 improvements on the 10.3-acre County-owned parcel. The County also received a State Capital Outlay grant in the amount of \$770,000, which is being used in phase one because of the projected additional costs associated with modifying the drainage basin to accommodate the fields in Phase I. An engineer with a landscape architect sub-contractor has been selected by Bernalillo County and as of November 65% drawings have been completed. However, only four fields and a portion of the necessary parking can fit on the County-owned parcel.

This request would enable the County to purchase the aforementioned 5-acre parcel from the State and assist the county in developing the remaining improvements associated with Phase 2 so that the NVLL will have a total of six fields and additional room for parking, storage units, field lighting, pedestrian circulation, a concession stand, and batting cages.

The NVLL is currently the only league in the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area without a facility located on land owned or maintained by either Bernalillo County or the City of Albuquerque. They have been a self-maintained league for many years and are in need of public financing in order to continue providing important recreational facilities to area youth. Recently, the landlord at their current location, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, informed the NVLL that they would have to soon vacate the premises. This location currently houses the administrative offices of the Archdiocese's Catholic Services, and the Archdiocese plans to build a private school where the NVLL now holds its practices and games.

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